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Preliminary Amendment of Claims for entry  
into the national stage in the USA of  
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Claims 23 to 48 are canceled. Claims 1 to 22 remain as originally filed, except for claims 1 to 4, 7, 8, 11, and 12, which were amended in response to the International Preliminary Examination. I beleive that claims 1 to 4, 7, 8, 11 and 12 can be referred to as original, being original in that no other amendments were made other than amendments in response to the International Preliminary Examination. The pages amended in response to International Preliminary Examination are annexes to the International Preliminary Examination.

Attached are replacement pages containing the remaining claims 1 to 22.

I beleive that the fee for entering the national stage in the USA is based on the remaining number of claims, and have accordingly attached a check that covers the basic filing, search and examination fee and the amount for 5 independent claims in excess of 3, plus 2 dependent claims in excess of 20.

I have been informed during discussions with the PCT section of the USPTO that this is an acceptable procedure for entering the national stage, and that after cancelation of claims, the fee for entering the national stage would be based on the remaining claims.

The attached claims now being submitted do not contain any new matter.

Yours sincerely,

  
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